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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: JAPANESE RESPONSE TO CAB RECOMMENDATION IN
SEATTLE/PORTLAND-JAPAN SERVICE INVESTIGATION

1. ON JULY 21, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AIDE-MEMOIRE FROM
JAPANESE EMBASSY EXPRESSING JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS
ON CAB'S RECOMMENDATION THAT UNITED AIRLINES BE GRANTED
ROUTE IN SEATTLE/PORTLAND-JAPAN SERVICE INVESTIGATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED THAT, WITH REGARD
TO THE ENTRY OF NEW U.S. AIRLINES TO THE ROUTE
BETWEEN SEATTLE/PORTLAND AND JAPAN, THE U.S. CAB
DECIDED, ON JULY 6, 1978, THAT UNITED AIRLINES SHOULD BE
GRANTED AN OPERATING PERMIT FOR THIS ROUTE IN SPITE OF THE
REPRESENTATION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN ITS AIDE-
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MEMOIRE OF JUNE 16, 1978 THAT IT COULD NOT ACCEPT THE
ENTRY OF NEW U.S. AIRLINES ON THIS ROUTE. SINCE THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS MOST SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THE SAID DECISION OF CAB AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
THEREOF, IT WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN INFORM THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT OF ITS VIEWS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ITS POSITION ON THE SEATTLE/PORTLAND CASE CLEAR IN NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IT IS FEARED THAT, SHOULD ENTRY OF UNITED AIRLINES TO THE ABOVE ROUTE MATERIALIZE ACCORDING TO THE CAB DECISION, THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER AIR TRANSPORT RIGHTS WOULD BE ENLARGED AND, AT THE SAME TIME, JAPANESE AIRLINES WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE OUR AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE AND IT THEREFORE SEEMS THAT THE AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY STRAINED.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE SHARED VIEW THAT OUR AVIATION RELATIONS SHOULD BE HARMONIOUS AND PEACEFUL, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY HOPES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT APPROVE THE CAB DECISION. END TEXT VANCE

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